appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, following a settlement on 3-12-87 regarding the payment of bonus to workmen in the refractory unit for the year 1986, the management lifted the lockout in the refractory plant from 4-12-87. The settlement, provides for payment of Bonus to refractory workmen at 12.79 per cent as well as an additional amount of 7.21 per cent for the year 1986.

वनस्पति घी के मूल्यों में वृद्धि के कारण

553. **श्री सुब्रह्मण्यन स्वामी :**
श्री रशीद मसूद :

क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि टिन कंटेनरों की उपलब्धता में हाल में आई कठिनाई के कारण वनस्पति घी के दामों में वृद्धि हो गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) वनस्पति घी के मूल्यों में आई इस अतिरिक्त वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा उठाये गये कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा : (क) टीन के डिब्बों की उपलब्धता में हाल ही में आई कठिनाई के कारण वनस्पति के मूल्य में वृद्धि की कोई सूचना नहीं है। वनस्पति उद्योग स्वैच्छिक मूल्य अनुशासन का पालन कर रहा है ।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न नहीं उठता

Setting up of hotels by I.T.D.C.

554. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITDC has entered into joint ventures with private parties to set up hotels and restaurants abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) ITDC has signed Memoranda of Understanding with some private parties for setting up hotels and restaurants abroad as under:-

(i) One Hotel each in Federal Republic of Germany and New Zealand.

(ii) One Restaurant each in Federal Republic of Germany, New Zealand, U.S.A. and Mauritius.

The setting up of projects is however, subject to feasibility, commercial viability and signing of collaboration agreements.

National Seminar on Congress and SC & ST

555. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had recently announced while inaugurating a national seminar on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes that a Secretary level officer would be appointed soon to take direct action on complaints of atrocities and discrimination against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, whether the officer as since been appointed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister had drawn attention to the steps taken by Government for promoting the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and ensuring effective implementation of the safeguards provided to them in the Constitution, as had been indicated in the statement laid by Welfare Minister in Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 1987. As mentioned in the statement, a Secretary has been appointed in the Cabinet

Secretariat and two senior officers have been appointed to strengthen the machinery available with the Special Officer.

Bonded labourers in Sirsa quarries

556. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 5th April, 1988 under the caption "Jail like conditions in Sirsa quarries";

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made in this regard; and

(c) whether any action has been taken to free all the bonded labourers from the Sirsa quarries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the responsibility for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers lies with the State Governments concerned. Accordingly, the State Government of Haryana has been requested to take necessary action in the matter.

दिल्ली में जल संकट के संबंध में दिल्ली जल पूर्ति और मल व्ययन संस्थान के विचार

557. **श्री रशीद मसूद :**
श्री सुब्रह्मण्यन स्वामी :

क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली जल पूर्ति और मल व्ययन संस्थान (दिल्ली वाटर सप्लाई एंड सीवेज डिस्पोजल अंडरटेकिंग) ने दिल्ली में पेय जल संकट का कारण दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अपने कर्तव्य का पालन न करना बताया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस मामले में क्या-क्या भावी दिशा निर्देश दिये गये है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) दिल्ली जल प्रदाय तथा मल व्ययन संस्थान ने इससे इन्कार किया है ।

(ख) और (ग). उपर्युक्त भाग (क) को देखते हुये प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Screening of Serials and Dramas

558. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Serials and Dramas on Doordarshan are not subjected to censor; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Doordarshan does not censor any programme. Programmes are previewed in order to ensure that they conform to Doordarshan Code and General Guidelines.

All Doordarshan programmes have been exempted from the provisions relating to certification of films under the powers conferred by Section 9 of the Cinamatograph Act, 1952.